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RECENTLY DURING MONTREAL VISIT OF DWEMOH/PRES/AFCAC, HE CALLED ON USREP TO DISCUSS SITUATION RE FUNDING FOR AVIATION TRAINING FACILITIES IN AFRICA. AS RESULT OF ICAO'S "MANPOWER AND TRAINING SURVEY," ICAO DEVELOPED A "GENERAL PLAN FOR CIVIL AVIATION TRAINING IN AFRICA" A YEAR AGO. IT CALLS FOR 9/12 NATIONAL TRAINING SCHOOLS AND 3 REGIONAL INSTITUTIONS. HE DISCUSSED IN SOME DETAIL THE 3 REGIONAL CENTERS -- FRANCEVILLE, BAGON -- NIAMEY, NIGER -- AND ADDIS ABABA. FIRST TWO ARE FRENCH LANGUAGE TRAINING AND ADDIS NOW A NATIONAL TRAINING CENTER WILL BECOME AN ENGLISH LANGUAGE REGIONAL INSTITUTE. HIS PRESENTATION WAS LATER CONFIRMED BY DIRECTOR TAB VIVIAN.

2. THE ADDIS CENTER WILL REQUIRE 1.8 MILLION DOLLARS AND INCLUDES BUDGET OF EQUIPMENT (CESSNA AIRCRAFT, JET SIMULATOR AND \$200,000 FOR ICAO EXPERTS TO SUPERVISE AND DEVELOP ADDITIONAL NATIONAL TRAINING EXPERTISE PLUS \$200,000 FOR REGIONAL FELLOWSHIPS.

ICAO AND UNDP WILL MAKE AN "APPEAL TO DONORS" IN A LETTER, WHICH WAS AGREED TO AT A "DONORS MEETING" IN GENEVA IN NOVEMBER. TO FORMALIZE THE PROCEDURE THE OAU HEADS OF STATE

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WILL HAVE TO AGREE TO CALL THE DONORS MEETING AND THIS WILL

BE DONE AT THEIR CONFERENCE IN AFRICA NEXT JUNE. TO PREPARE THE WAY DWEMOH AND VIVIAN WILL VISIT ADDIS OAU SECRETARIAT IN DECMEBER 1976. VIVIAN CONFIRMED THAT THE US WILL RECEIVE THE LETTER OF INVITATION ALONG WITH OTHER "DONOR STATES" AND THEY VERY MUCH HOPE THAT SOME EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO FIND THE FUNDING NECESSARY FOR THE REGIONAL INSTITUTES FOR THE NEXT THREE YEARS.

3. DIRECTOR TAB AND USREP DISCUSSED FRANKLY THE HISTORY OF US AVIATION INVOLVED IN ADDIS INCLUDING THE TWA/EAL PARTNERSHIP. VIVIAN SAID THAT HE FELT IT WOULD NOT ONLY BE APPROPRIATE BUT WOULD MAKE A HEAVY IMPACT IF US COULD CONSIDER TAKING OVER THE CREATION OF THE REGIONAL ENGLISH-SPEAKING INSTITUTE IN ADDIS. HE SAID THAT WITHIN ICAO AND LOCALLY IN ETHIOPIA SUCH A MOVE WOULD BE FULLY CREDITED TO US AND WOULD BE MOST WELCOME. USREP RE-ITERATED THAT AT PRESENT THERE IS NO US AVIATION ASSISTANCE NOR FUNDING FOR AVIATION ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS OF THIS KIND. HOWEVER IN VIEW OF WASHINGTON DISCUSSION RE A RECENT MAJOR SOVIET AVIATION TRAINING PROGRAM (UTILIZING NON-CONVERTIBLE RUBLES) AND HAVING IN MIND ICAO RESOLUTION RE VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS, USREP WOULD BEING TO THE ATTENTION OF DEPARTMENT THESE DEVELOPMENTS AND REQUIREMENTS IN AFRICA FOR APPROPRIATE CONSIDERATION.

4. AGAIN IF DEPARTMENT/FAA WISHES DISCUSS THIS MATTER IN DETAIL WITH VIVIAN IN ANTICIPATION OF INVITATION TO THE "DONORS MEETING," HE CAN PROCEED TO WASHINGTON AT ANY TIME FOR A FULL PRESENTATION OF THE SITUATION VIS-A-VIS UNDP AND THE ICAO "GENERAL PLAN," FOR AFRICA.
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